

# FY2014 (7/1/13 – 6/30/14) Annual Work Plan Eastern Klickitat Conservation District

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#### Mission of the Eastern Klickitat Conservation District

To improve, conserve, and promote the wise use of natural resources by providing technical, financial, educational, and research assistance for landowners, users of natural resources, individuals & organizations interested in natural resource issues within EKCD.

#### **Natural Resource Priorities:**

- Farmland Preservation
  - Offer opportunities for landowners to sell development rights to protect farmland and keep farms operating in the traditional and natural manner while protecting habitat and wildlife.
  - Work with Office of Farmland Preservation for funding and prioritization.
- Water Quality and Salmonids Recovery (streambank restoration)
  - Enhance natural resources through the planning and application of an economically and environmentally sound conservation approach.
  - Utilize a common sense management approach with emphasis on maintaining and improving water quality conditions within the District Boundaries.
  - o Maintain leadership in watershed planning, salmon recovery processes, and future watershed efforts.
  - o Continue active role in Rock Creek TMDL/STI process and WRIA 31 Management Plans.
  - o Offer programs to involve cooperators in adopting conservation practices.
- Forest & Range Health
  - $\circ\quad$  Increase awareness of the need for forest and rangeland plans.
  - o Assist with writing and reviewing plans, provide technical assistance when needed.

### **Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Farmland Preservation**

**Goal(s):** Provide funding opportunities for purchase of development rights or conservation easements for landowners.

#### **Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:**

Develop one application for WWRP funding of development rights

Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices





#### **Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:**

One conservation easement written or preparing to be funded

Funding Source(s): Department of Ecology, WSCC Implementation, SRFB Grant #11-1344

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide opportunities to purchase development rights and conservation easements	July 2014	Jim Hill Martha Blair Jess Davenport	50	\$19,000	Time spent with landowner negotiations, application development

#### Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Water Quality and Salmonids Recovery (stream bank restoration)

#### Goal(s):

- Continue to make progress toward removing Rock Creek as a Category 5 stream on the 303(D) list. Progress is determined by the ability of the District to enter into discussions with Ecology on the STI Plan.
- Maintain leadership in watershed planning, salmon recovery processes, and future watershed efforts.
- Continue active role in Rock Creek and WRIA 31 Management Plans
- Provide cost share funding for conservation practices

#### **Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:**

- Provide cost share for 3 landowners to implement 5 BMP's
- Have a presence at a majority of watershed meetings in WRIA 31

#### **Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:**

- 3 cost share contracts written
- 10 landowners provided with technical assistance

8 watershed or other relevant meetings attended

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Remain active in Rock Creek watershed through participation in watershed planning unit, negotiations with Roscoe Imrie, implementation of BMP's in the riparian areas.	July 2014	Jim Hill Martha Blair Loren Meagher Mike Copenhefer	6	\$6,000	
Provide cost share funding for landowners to implement conservation practices	July 2014	Supervisors Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke	5	\$25,000	
Assess, plan and seek funding for at least 1 stream bank repair, spring enhancement or livestock project within the District	July 2014	Jim Hill Martha Blair Loren Meagher	21	\$20,000	
Continue the water quality monitoring program including all 20 sites	July 2014	Jess Davenport Martha Blair	130	\$12,000	

## Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Range & Forest Management

#### Goal(s):

- Provide speakers at annual meetings that address grazing and forest practices
- Identify and target relevant land managers

# **Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:**

- Develop a parcel map and mailing list of relevant land managers.
- Promote state and federal conservation programs for forestland.

#### **Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:**

- Identify speaker and invite to annual meeting
- Refer relevant land managers to NRCS for forest and grazing management plan development.

Funding Source(s): Department of Ecology Clean Water Grants, WSCC Implementation, Category 1 funding, WCC Basic Allocation

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Identify speaker and invite to annual meeting to address grazing and forest management practices.	February 2014	Jim Hill Kerry Bodily	1 Day	\$250	
Develop a parcel map and mailing list of relevant land managers to promote conservation programs.	July 2014	Martha Blair	3 Days	\$700	
Provide cost share funding for landowners to implement conservation practices on forest and rangeland	July 2014	Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke	As Required	\$25,000	
Assist with forest grazing management plan development as needed	July 2014	Jim Hill Martha Blair	As Required	\$1,000	

#### **District Program Area: Conservation Education**

#### Goal(s):

- Hold EKCD Annual Meeting each February
- Work with area schools to educate middle and high school students about conservation
- Inform and educate County Commissioners about District Activities
- Outreach through Save Water Save Energy
- Produce at least one newsletter per year
- Outreach on Farmland Preservation

#### **Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:**

- Produce one newsletter per year, distributed to a target of 200 landowners including Rock Creek and Office of Farmland Preservation.
   Coordinate with Central Klickitat CD
- Conduct Annual Meeting, targeting 40 landowners, with pesticide credits available
- Have a booth at the 2013 County Fair and 2014 Goldendale Home & Garden Show. Coordinate with Central Klickitat CD
- Sign up 2 contracts in Save Water Save Energy
- Sponsor Franklin CD's Wheat Week/Water on Wheels in Bickleton
- Rock Creek history project with Bickleton High School students
- Attend at least three County Commissioners meetings to update them on district activities.

Funding Source(s): Department of Ecology Clean Water Grants, WSCC Implementation, Category 1 funding, WCC Basic Allocation

Activities for FY2014	Target	Person	Time(Days)	Estimated
	Dates	Responsible	Required	Funding
Plan and hold EKCD Annual Meeting. Provide as many pesticide credits as possible	February 2014	Kerry Bodily Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke	5 Days	\$1,000
Disseminate information about Office of Farmland Preservation – provide opportunity for landowners to sell development rights as a way to preserve farming in the district	FY14	Jim Hill Kerry Bodily Martha Blair	20 Days	\$6,000
Plan and decorate booth for Klickitat County Fair – include education materials and outreach for conservation district	August 2013	Mindy Pomerinke Kerry Bodily	4 Days	\$ 700
Produce one newsletter per year containing Rock Creek updates	June 2014	Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke Kerry Bodily	5 Days	\$1,000
Perform Rock Creek History project with Bickleton youth	June 2014	Martha Blair	40 Days	\$6,000
Have a booth at the Goldendale Home and Garden Show	April 2014	Kerry Bodily	4 Days	\$700
Fund Wheat Week or Water on Wheels classroom program with Franklin Conservation District in EKCD schools	FY14 School Year	Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke		\$1,000
Outreach to ag and irrigators for irrigation and lighting upgrades.  Coordinate with KPUD	FY14	Kerry Bodily	20 hours	SWSE \$2,000
Visit County Commissioners meeting at least Quarterly		Jim Hill Supervisors	8 hours	IM \$350

#### **District Program Area: District Operations**

# Goal(s):

- Maintain effective and efficient office operations, including accounting, and grant vouchering, supervisor elections and appointments, monthly meetings, training and development, annual planning and reporting – By June 30, 2014 have all mandatory reporting done in a timely manner.
- Maintain up-to-date and effective supervisor election and appointment procedures by coordinating with our Regional Manager and Commission staff. Develop and implement plan to encourage increased voter participation.
- Acquire District-owned office space or negotiate reasonable rental rates to maintain current location. Talk with agency partners to
  determine who can move with us, identify potential location, research funding options and get creative with space usage. Talk with County
  Commissioners about a building housing all agriculture related agencies.
- Visit County Commissioners at least 3 times during the year
- Conduct an annual tree sale to distribute trees to the community and landowner for planting projects

# **Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:**

- Vouchers and Reports submitted in a timely manner.
- Supervisor elections conducted with no findings.

Funding Source(s): Department of Ecology Clean Water Grants, WSCC Implementation, Category 1 funding, WCC Basic Allocation

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Do all reporting, planning and other office operational procedures as required for all grants and funding sources, including TMDL, DOE, private sources and Washington Conservation Commission	As Required	Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke	200	\$65,000	
Hold timely and efficient supervisor election in a manner that will include the maximum number of voters in a cost effective way.	February 2014	Mindy Pomerinke Jim Hill Supervisors	14 Days	\$500	
Hold annual tree sales program – provide native trees and shrubs for CCRP contracts or local citizens-	January 1 through March 2014	Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke Martha Blair	50 Days	\$12,000	
Negotiate CWP with NRCS or building-owner for office space—contract due date July 1, 2014	July 2014	Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke	5 Days	\$1,250	
Support NRCS staff when possible	July 2014	Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke	As needed		



# FY2014 Annual Budget EASTERN KLICKITAT Conservation District

	EKCD FY14 ANNUAL BUDGET	
INCOME:		
	WSCC	
	Category 1	\$12,500
	Implementation	\$61,550
	Rock Creek Assessment	\$17,500
	DOE Grant:	\$70,000
	WRIA 31 Implementation	
	SRFB Grant	\$
	12-1344P	\$60,000
	Interest	\$ 1,000
	Tree Program	\$17,000
	Donations	\$ 200
TOTAL INCO	ME:	\$239,750
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
	Office & Operating	<b>^-</b>
	Supplies	\$750
	Professional Srvs Communication &	\$70,000
	Advertising	\$ 300
	Travel Expenses	\$ 1,500
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	Insurance	\$2,700
	Dues & Registrations	\$4,000
	Contracted Services	\$85,500
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	Tree Sales	\$12,000
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	Cost Share/Projects	\$50,000
	Misc./Contingency	\$13,000
TOTAL EXPE	NSES:	\$239,750

FY14 ANNUAL PLAN APPROVED:	
Steve Matsen, Chair Eastern Klickitat Conservation District	Date